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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN ACCOUNTS OF FIVE MILITARY INCIDENTS ON ITS SOUTHERN
BORDER SINCE JULY 6 IN WHICH FIVE ZAMBIANS REPORTEDLY KILLED

REF: LUSAKA 1951 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S JULY 8 PRESS CONFERENCE, THE ZAMBIAN
PRESS ON JULY 10 AND 11 FEATURED PROMINENTLY ZAMBIAN VERSIONS OF
FIVE MILITARY INCIDENTS ON ZAMBIA'S SOUTHERN BORDER WITH RHODESIA
AND THE CAPRIVI STRIP OF NAMIBIA.

2. NOT REPORTED UNTIL JULY 10 WAS AN INCIDENT IN THE RHODESIAN
BORDER AREA OF CHIRUNDU WHICH ALLEGELY LASTED TEN HOURS BEGINNING
THE NIGHT OF JULY 7 ENDING AT 0800 HOURS JULY 8. THE ZAMBIAN
ARMY REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THIS INCIDENT STATED RHODESIAN FORCES
HIT ZAMBIAN TERRITORY WITH 81MM AND 60MM MORTARS , HEAVY MACHINE
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GUNS AND 7.62 RIFLES. THE ZAMBIAN REPLIED WITH MORTARS. THE INITIAL
JULY 10 PRESS ACCOUNT INDICATED THAT ONLY ONE WOMAN WAS INJURED BY
SHRAPNEL FRAGMENTS, BUT THE JULY 12 REPORTS STATE THE WIFE
OF THE LOCAL DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN THE INCIDENT. RHODESIAN ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT SAY THEY SUFFERED
NO CASUALITIES.

3. JULY 11 PRESS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOLD DAVID MARTIN OF THE LONDON OBSERVER "THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ARE GOING TO BE VERY SERIOUS FOR US -- OF THAT I HAVE NO DOUBTS" MINUTES AFTER RECEIVING REPORTS OF LANDMINE INCIDENT NEAR SHESHEKE ADJOINING THE CAPRIVI STRIP. THREE MEN WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR VEHICLE HIT A LANDMINE, THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN LAID BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, NEAR SHESHEKE. SUBSEQUENTLY, A LOCAL WHO WENT TO INVESTIGATE STEPPED ON A LANDMINE AND WAS KILLED. NO SPECIFIC DATE OF THIS INCIDENT WAS PROVIDED IN THE ACCOUNTS.

4. THE FIRING AT CHIRUNDU (ONE DEATH) AND THE INCIDENT NEAR SHESHEKE (FOUR DEATHS) ADDED TO THE THREE FIRING INCIDENTS AT LIVINGSTONE, REFERRED TO BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN HIS JULY 8 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL), REPRESENT THE FIVE INCIDENTS AND ASSOCIATED FATALITIES THE ZAMBIANS REPORT AS HAPPENING IN THE SOUTHERN BORDER AREA SINCE JULY 6.
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